

Appl. No. 09/931,576
Amdt. dated September 21, 2004
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2672

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4-6, 9-10, 13, 15, 17-28, and 29 are pending. Claims 14 and 16 have been canceled. Claim 29 has been added. Claims 1, 6, 10, 15, 17, 18, and 20 have been amended. Support for new and amended claims can be found in the specification, such as at least on pages 19-20. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 6, 10, 14, 16, and 18 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicates. Claims 14 and 16 have been canceled, and claim 10 has been amended. Applicants submit the pending claims comply with 37 CFR 1.75.

Claims 1, 4-6, 9-10, and 13-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,838,334 to Dye, and in further view of U.S. patent 6,020,894 to Silverbrook ("Silverbrook").

Applicants would like to thank Examiners Jeffrey Brier and Javid Amini for the telephonic interview conducted for this application on September 14, 2004. During the interview, the Silverbrook reference was discussed. Applicants also presented Examiners with proposed amendments. Examiners agreed that a proposed claim 1, which included a memory storing graphic objects having a plurality of attributes for each drawing surface and that rectangular clip segments are attributes of a graphic object for a drawing surface, would overcome the pending 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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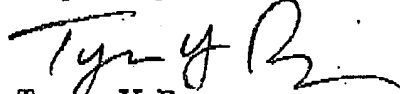
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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